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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1.   (previously presented) A computerized system for managing purchases in progress, the purchases being made by a plurality of individual purchasers being associated with a liable purchasing organization and being authorized to purchase on behalf of the liable purchasing organization, the system comprising:

a managing server including a storage means and issuing means;

a client terminal being operable by the liable purchasing organization;

a first communication terminal being operable by a provider; and

a second communication terminal being operable by an individual purchaser;

the managing server, the client terminal, the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal being communicatively connected in a data communications network, wherein:

the client terminal is adapted to provide purchasing rules to said managing server;

the managing server is adapted to store purchasing rules for said individual purchasers purchasing on behalf of said purchasing organization, said purchasing rules being received from the client terminal;

the issuing means of the managing server is adapted to generate a purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number,

the generated purchaser reference number being associated with the individual purchaser and with the purchasing rules for said individual purchaser and for said purchasing organization,

the purchaser reference number being issued and distributed to the second communication terminal being adapted to be operable by an individual purchaser in dependence on the purchasing rules;

the managing server being adapted to validate and accept a transaction amount associated with the purchaser reference number by said individual purchaser and said purchasing organization;

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the managing server being adapted to receive information relating to a purchase in progress and comprising the purchaser reference number and a transaction amount associated with said purchase in progress from a first communication terminal being operable by a provider or from a second communication terminal being operable by said individual purchaser;

the managing server being adapted to:

examine whether the received information relating to said purchase in progress is in accordance with the purchasing rules; and

send a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining, to the first communication terminal being operable by the provider so as to validate the purchase and give the provider a right to invoice said transaction amount.

2-5.   (Canceled).

6.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number includes a logical part and a random part, the logical part including at least one of organization, department, individual and serial number of issued numbers, and the random part being a number selected for system security purposes.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the information provided from the first and/or second communication terminal to the managing server relating to a purchase includes the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number and a transaction amount corresponding to the a cost of the purchase is used for reservation of the a corresponding amount for payment.

9.   (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein for a valid purchase, the first and/or second communication terminal connects to an electronic invoicing service, which is

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adapted to execute invoicing in accordance with ~~the~~ specific requirements for payment of the purchasing organization.

10.   (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic invoicing service is adapted to connect to the managing server for retrieval of specific routines stored thereon for invoicing relating to the purchasing organization.

11-16. (Canceled).

17.   (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the managing server is further adapted to send a notification, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining, to the second communication terminal being operable by the individual purchaser so as to notify the individual purchaser of the given right to invoice said transaction amount.

18.   (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the managing server is further adapted to send a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the client terminal of the purchasing organization so as to notify the purchasing organization of the given right to invoice said transaction amount.

19.   (previously presented) A method for managing purchases in progress in a computerized system,
said purchases being made by a plurality of individual purchasers being associated with a liable purchasing organization and being authorized to purchase on behalf of said purchasing organization;
        said computerized the system comprising:
        a managing server including a storage means and issuing means;
        a client terminal being operable by the purchasing organization;
        a first communication terminal being operable by a provider;

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a second communication terminal being operable by an individual purchaser;

said managing server, said client terminal, said first communication terminal and said second communication terminal being communicatively connected in a data communications network,

the method comprising the steps of:

storing in the managing server, purchasing rules for said individual purchasers purchasing on behalf of said purchasing organization, said purchasing rules being provided to the managing server via the client terminal being operable by the purchasing organization;

generating in an issuing means comprised in said managing server a purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number,

said generated purchaser reference number being associated with the individual purchaser and with the purchasing rules for said individual purchaser and for said purchasing organization,

said purchaser number being issued and distributed to a second communication terminal being operable by an individual purchaser in dependence on the purchasing rules,

validating and accepting a transaction amount associated with the purchaser reference number in the managing server by said individual purchaser and said purchasing organization;

receiving in the managing server information relating to a purchase in progress and comprising the purchaser reference number and a transaction amount associated with said purchase in progress from the first communication terminal being operable by a provider or from the second communication terminal being operable by said individual purchaser;

examining in the managing server whether said received information relating to said purchase in progress is in accordance with the purchasing rules;

sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the first communication terminal being operable by the provider so as to validate the purchase and give the provider a right to invoice said transaction amount.

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20.   (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of:

sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the second communication terminal being operable by the individual purchaser so as to notify the individual purchaser of the given right to invoice said transaction amount.

21.   (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of:

sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the client terminal being operable by the purchasing organization so as to notify the purchasing organization of the given right to invoice said transaction amount.

22.   (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number includes a logical part and a random part, the logical part including at least one of organization, department, individual and serial number of issued numbers, and the random part being a number selected for system security purposes.

23.   (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the information provided from the first and/or second communication terminal to the managing server relating to a purchase including the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number and the a cost of the purchase is used for reservation of the a corresponding amount for payment.

24.   (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein for a valid purchase, the first and/or second communication terminal connects to an electronic invoicing service, which is adapted to execute invoicing in accordance with the specific requirements for payment of the purchasing organization.

25.   (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the electronic invoicing service is adapted to connect to the managing server for retrieval of specific routines stored thereon for invoicing relating to the purchasing organization.

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26.   (currently amended) A <u>non-transitory</u> computer program product<u>, comprising a</u>
<u>computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said</u>
<u>computer readable program code adapted to be executed to implement a method for</u>
controlling a computerized system to manage purchases in progress, said purchases being
made by a plurality of individual purchasers being associated with a liable purchasing
organization and being authorized to purchase on behalf of said purchasing organization[[;]]
<u>, wherein</u> said computerized ~~the~~ system <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising:~~ a managing server including a
storage means and issuing means[[;]] <u>,</u> a client terminal being operable by the purchasing
organization[[;]] <u>,</u> a first communication terminal being operable by a provider[[;]] <u>, and</u> a
second communication terminal being operable by an individual purchaser[[;]] <u>, wherein</u> said
managing server, said client terminal, said first communication terminal and said second
communication terminal <u>are</u> ~~being~~ communicatively connected in a data communications
network,

        ~~said computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having~~
~~computer program code recorded thereon;~~

        ~~wherein the program code includes sets of instructions adapted to control the~~
~~computerized system to perform the steps of:~~

        <u>said method comprising:</u>

        storing in <u>a</u> ~~said~~ managing server purchasing rules for said individual purchasers
purchasing on behalf of said purchasing organization, said purchasing rules being provided
to the managing server via the client terminal being operable by the purchasing organization;

        generating in the issuing means comprised in said managing server a purchaser
reference number in the form of a unique number,

        said generated purchaser reference number being associated with the individual
purchaser and with the purchasing rules for said individual purchaser and for said purchasing
organization,

        said purchaser number being issued and distributed to the second communication
terminal being operable by an individual purchaser in dependence on the purchasing rules,

        validating and accepting a transaction amount associated with the purchaser reference

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number in the managing server by said individual purchaser and said purchasing
organization;

receiving in the managing server information relating to a purchase in progress and
comprising the purchaser reference number and a transaction amount associated with said
purchase in progress from the first communication terminal being operable by a provider or
from the second communication terminal being operable by said individual purchaser,

examining in the managing server whether said received information relating to
said purchase in progress is in accordance with the purchasing rules;

sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating
to the purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the first communication
terminal being operable by the provider so as to validate the purchase and give the provider a
right to invoice said transaction amount.

27.   (currently amended) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 26,
further comprising sets of instructions adapted to control the computerized system to perform
the steps of:
sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the
purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the second communication
terminal being operable by the individual purchaser so as to notify the individual purchaser of
the given right to invoice said transaction amount.

28.   (currently amended) The non-transitory computer program product of claim 26,
further comprising sets of instructions adapted to control the computerized system to perform
the steps of:
sending a notification from the managing server, as a result of the information relating to the
purchase being found to be correct in the examining step, to the client terminal being
operable by the purchasing organization so as to notify the purchasing organization of the
given right to invoice said transaction amount.

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29. (currently amended) The <u>non-transitory</u> computer program product of claim 26, wherein the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number includes a logical part and a random part, the logical part including at least one of organization, department, individual and serial number of issued numbers, and the random part being a number selected for system security purposes.

30. (currently amended) The <u>non-transitory</u> computer program product of claim 26, wherein the information provided from the first and/or second communication terminal to the managing server relating to a purchase including the purchaser reference number in the form of a unique number and the a cost of the purchase is used for reservation of the a corresponding amount for payment.

31. (currently amended) The <u>non-transitory</u> computer program product of claim 26, wherein for a valid purchase, the first and/or second communication terminal connects to an electronic invoicing service, which is adapted to execute invoicing in accordance with the specific requirements for payment of the purchasing organization.

32. (currently amended) The <u>non-transitory</u> computer program product of claim 26, wherein the electronic invoicing service connects to the managing server for retrieval of specific routines stored thereon for invoicing relating to the purchasing organization.